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Response to 10/31/08 Final Office Action

**In the Specification**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 8, line 9 of the originally filed specification:

--In accordance with one aspect, an RFID tag population is selected by an interrogator. Each tag of the selected tag population then responds to the interrogator in accordance with an adaptive, slotted arbitration scheme. According to the arbitration scheme, each tag of the selected tag population picks its own slot value from a range of values indicated by the interrogator. The random value corresponds to a slot. Each tag of the selected tag population responds to the interrogator with an independently generated random number.--.